

Rush	Spence	Vucanovich
Salmon	Spratt	Walker
Sanders	Stark	Walsh
Sanford	Stearns	Wamp
Sawyer	Stenholm	Ward
Saxton	Studds	Waters
Scarborough	Stump	Watt (NC)
Schaefer	Stupak	Waxman
Schroeder	Talent	Weldon (FL)
Schumer	Tanner	Weldon (PA)
Seastrand	Tate	Weller
Sensenbrenner	Tauzin	White
Serrano	Taylor (NC)	Whitfield
Shadegg	Tejeda	Wicker
Shaw	Thomas	Williams
Shays	Thornberry	Wilson
Shuster	Thornton	Wise
Skaggs	Thurman	Wolf
Skeen	Tiahrt	Woolsey
Skelton	Torkildsen	Wyden
Slaughter	Towns	Wynn
Smith (MI)	Traficant	Yates
Smith (NJ)	Tucker	Young (AK)
Smith (WA)	Upton	Young (FL)
Solomon	Velazquez	Zeliff
Souder	Visclosky	Zimmer

NAYS—27

Abercrombie	Foglietta	Menendez
Brown (CA)	Furse	Oberstar
Chenoweth	Gillmor	Owens
Clay	Hastings (FL)	Pickett
Deutsch	Hefley	Pombo
Engel	Hinchey	Sabo
Fattah	Jacobs	Taylor (MS)
Fazio	Lewis (GA)	Vento
Filner	McKinney	Volkmer

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—2

Harman	Stockman
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NOT VOTING—21

Ballenger	Mollohan	Smith (TX)
Collins (MI)	Rangel	Stokes
Fields (TX)	Reynolds	Thompson
Ford	Roberts	Torres
Goodling	Schiff	Torricelli
Hilliard	Scott	Waldholtz
Mfume	Sisisky	Watts (OK)

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Mr. RUSH changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CAMP). Will the gentlewoman from Maryland [Mrs. MORELLA] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. MORELLA led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. As the Chair is about to receive a message from the Senate, the Chair would note that for many years messages from the Senate have been delivered by Mr. Brian Hallen. Mr. Hallen is retiring, and this is the last message he will deliver to the House.

The Chair on behalf of the House thanks him for his many courtesies and wishes him well in the future.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Hallen, one of its clerks, announced that pursuant to Public Law 94-304, as amended by Public Law 99-7, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. KEMPTHORNE, Mr. SANTORUM, and Mr. ABRAHAM to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 93-29, as amended by Public Laws 98-459 and 102-375, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, reappoints Robert L. Goldman of Oklahoma to the Federal Council on the Aging.

REPUBLICAN CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

(Mr. CHRISTENSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, our Contract With America states the following:

On the first day of Congress, a Republican House will require Congress to live under the same laws as everyone else; cut committee staffs by one-third; and cut the congressional budget. We kept our promise.

It continues that in the first 100 days, we will vote on the following items: A balanced budget amendment—we kept our promise; unfunded mandates legislation—we kept our promise; line-item veto—we kept our promise; a new crime package to stop violent criminals—we kept our promise; national security restoration to protect our freedoms—we kept our promise; Government regulatory reform—we kept our promise; commonsense legal reform to end frivolous lawsuits—we kept our promise; welfare reform to encourage work, not dependence—we kept our promise; congressional term limits to make Congress a citizen legislature—we kept our promise; family reinforcement, tax cuts for middle-income families, and the senior Citizens' Equity Act to allow our seniors to work without government penalty—we will do these today.

This is our Contract With America.

CONGRATULATIONS UCLA

(Mr. WAXMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, as an undergraduate and law school graduate of UCLA, and as the Representative of the congressional district that includes the UCLA campus, I rise to congratulate the Bruins on a great victory on Monday night.

Coach John Wooden once said this to his players: "Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do." The 1995 Bruins lived that advice in the championship game. They did not let

the injury to Tyus Edney, who had played so brilliantly throughout the tournament, keep them from their goal. Instead, they focused on what they could do, and the O'Bannon brothers, Cameron Dollars Toby Bailey, and the other Bruins raised their game. I congratulate them and Coach Jim Harrick for their inspirational play.

I also want to take a moment to express appreciation to Coach Nolan Richardson and his Arkansas players. They are great champions and displayed tremendous determination and skill to reach the final game. I hope Corliss Williamson and Scotty Thurman will return for their senior years so that the Nation can be treated to a championship rematch next year.

THE BASIC MESSAGE

(Mr. TIAHRT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, today as we consider the tax relief bill, I urge my colleagues and the American people to keep in mind what this debate is really about. Republicans want to cut taxes. The big-government party wants to raise taxes.

From now on, only a few will remember the details in this legislation, and fewer will care about the specifics. But everyone will remember this basic fact: The Republicans want to cut taxes. The liberal big-government party wants to raise taxes.

The vote today is simple. If this bill passes, more Americans will keep more of their own money. If this bill fails, those who oppose reform, the defenders of the status quo, the liberals who love big government, will have won a big victory while the American people will have lost.

Mr. Speaker, last November the people voted out the past and voted in the future. I hope my colleagues remember this basic message sent by the voters. They voted in people who promised to give America tax relief, and they voted out people that they knew would raise taxes.

THE TAX BILL AND THE ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX

(Mr. STUPAK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. STUPAK. Mr. Speaker, lately I have been on the floor talking about what I call the Republican version of AFDC, not aid to families with dependent children, but aid for dependent corporations.

This tax bill is another example of AFDC, welfare for corporations. The Republican tax bill repeals the corporate alternative minimum tax, AMT, a provision of the 1986 Tax Code which ensures that profitable corporations pay their fair share of income taxes.

I have offered an amendment to the Committee on Rules to prevent the repeal of this provision, but it was not made in order by the Republican leadership.

Every year thousands of parents make room in their budget to buy school supplies for their kids, things like this 99-cent bottle of glue. Most of you do not know, but in 1981 virtually every one of those parents paid more in taxes than the multimillion-dollar company which produced this product. According to Citizens for Tax Justice, in the 1981 tax year, Borden, the makers of this glue, despite making a profit of over \$201 million, paid no income tax. In fact, they got back \$14.9 million in tax credits.

Mr. Speaker, I hope we reject this bill, reject this rule, bring back tax fairness.

WE MUST PASS THE REPUBLICAN TAX RELIEF BILL

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in 1993, President Clinton and the liberal Democrats passed the largest tax increase in history, claiming it was for deficit reduction. But, the forecast is \$200 billion in deficits as far as the eye can see.

The problem is not that the Government does not have enough money; it just spends too much. We have the proof: For every dollar they have raised in taxes, they have spent a dollar fifty-nine.

We must pass the Republican tax relief bill. It reduces the Clinton Tax on workers, helps businesses expand, creates jobs, and gives money back to the people who earned it.

This tax cut is vital. We must eliminate the deficit. These cuts take money away from the beast, big government, and put dollars back in the hands of the creators of economic growth, the American people.

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THE CIRCUS IS INSIDE, TOO

(Mr. DOGGETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, there is a circus outside, but the real show is here with the rings on the inside. In ring No. 1, the incredible fire acts. You remember last week when we approved—some of us did not approve of it—burning your citizenship card in order to save billions of dollars if you are a billionaire and move offshore. Well, they performed very well. Apparently, if you have got enough money, patriotism does not matter anymore.

In ring 2, the amazing vanishing act. Yes, 18 of the 19 special deals vanished right out of the conference report, but one is still there; that is the one deal for Rupert Murdoch. You remember

Rupert of book deal fame, Rupert Murdoch.

The Daily News reports that the Republicans in the conference committee dropped their opposition to the tax break after learning Murdoch was the beneficiary and after consulting with Mr. GINGRICH. If Mr. GINGRICH wants to do something about the Murdoch book deal, now is the time to do it with a concurrent resolution pulling it back before we get to ring 3 of the circus today, the amazing contortionists who are going to explain how to balance the Federal budget by reducing the amount of Federal revenues. Who needs a circus outside when we have a circus on the inside?

THE CIRCUS

(Mr. HAYWORTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I will agree with the preceding speaker on one matter: There is a circus and it is not the Ringling Brothers outside; the circus came to town 40 years ago with my liberal brethren on the other side of the aisle, still dealing with hocus-pocus of the speaker when we know that Senator MOSELY-BRAUN of Illinois introduced all these little sleight-of-hand documents here.

Let us talk about the rhetoric and the clowns. Those are folks who come forth making claims so outlandish regarding school lunches and school loans they would be funny if they were not so pathetic. Then you have the real acrobats. Those are the Members who talk about deficit reduction but then acting another way to spend our grandchildren's money without shame. They could be the real contortionists.

Then you have the tightrope walkers; those are Members who balance precariously between what the voters want, which is lower taxes and lower spending, and then you have what the liberal leadership of the Democratic Party wants, which is higher taxes and more spending.

Mr. Speaker, there is one real difference between Ringling Brothers and the liberal Democratic leadership: At least the real circus out front is entertaining.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will remind Members not to refer to Members of the other body.

HOW DO YOU STOP AN ELEPHANT THAT GOES BERSERK?

(Ms. LOFGREN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, when I told my 10-year-old last night that Ringling Brothers was coming to the House, he laughed out loud. I told him

that it was highly appropriate. After all, we have our own ringmaster, we have our own clowns.

I heard yesterday that a Member of the other body asked what do we do, how do you stop an elephant if they go berserk in the Capitol? Well, I understand he was talking about the need for assault weapons here in the Capitol. The next thing you know, we will be hunting giraffes.

But the real issue is that the elephants have gone berserk in the Capitol; it is called the contract on America. How do you stop them? There is an election in 18 months. Until then, it is bread and circuses here in our three-ring circus.

A GLORIOUS DAY FOR AMERICA

(Mr. SOUDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, today should be a glorious day for America. We hope to pass, in one day, a law that will cut taxes, releasing the engine of economic—dynamic economic growth and giving parents the freedom to make decisions for their own children. It will move Congress toward a balanced budget, and it will begin to transfer the power of the Federal Government back to the people.

The defenders of the Washington welfare state charge we "terrible" Republicans favor the rich, we want to deprive our children of lunches, and other desperate charges. Whine, whine, whine; I fear they drank too much of their own wine.

The truth is simple. America has spoken. Washington does not know best. Today can be the real beginning of the reversal of power where Americans can make their own decisions without consulting Congress. You might even say, "A morning in America, part 2," only this time not only will the cuts again increase Government revenues but now we have a Republican Congress that is not going to spend it all. God has given us a second change. Today should be a glorious day.

LET US PUT OUR MONEY WHERE OUR DEFICIT IS

(Mr. ROEMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, in the last 91 days here in the United States Congress, we have passed some new legislation to give the President and the Congress more ability to cut spending and reduce the deficit. I voted for the line-item veto; I voted for the balanced budget amendment. But now the rubber meets the road. Now we have the opportunity to put our money where the deficit is.

Are we going to spend over \$700 billion that we cut in spending and give it